

# DOES THE LATEST CARRANZA NOTE INDICATE DESPERATION OR INSANITY?

(BY H. D. S.)

MEXICO'S stock in a diplomatic sense has lowered about 50 points as a result of the ridiculous series of denials in Washington regarding the latest note, and of the note itself. Up to recently, it has been the subject of remark that Mexico's foreign correspondence was generally directed by a master hand, either that of a trained diplomat or that of a singularly shrewd writer; and, as a general thing, the acts and attitude of Mexico's representatives in Washington have been frank and open, compelling a certain amount of respect even from vigorous opponents. But the repeated denials from Carranza's messenger, the embassy, and the foreign office, followed almost immediately by the publication of the note whose very existence had been denied, were such gross breaches of good sense and good faith in the most ordinary international relations that they have cast more discredit on the Carranza organization than have its acts in matters that really made a difference. The play there in Washington with its Mexico City end was so childish and fustian that it brings under suspicion a lot of other activities that had hitherto been considered seriously.

The note itself is not by any means to be compared with the majority of Mexican international notes, which have generally been superior in construction and phrasing to those from our own state department, and which have commonly good faith, if mistaken in premises and conclusions. The latest note is crude and careless. It wanders all around the subject, commits countless and serious breaches of the ordinary canons of correct diplomatic usage, and does not read as if it were either carefully considered or sincerely uttered. The charges of bad faith against the United States in connection with the recent punitive expeditions and the military conferences are not only groundless, but they indicate either desperation or insanity—take your choice. The United States throughout this episode has

not only manifested a tolerance almost beyond the bounds of reason or the demands of self respect, but it has used every possible means to demonstrate its good intentions, good faith, and essential friendliness toward Mexico, the Mexican people, and the de facto government. If the United States has made errors regarding Mexico during these recent months, they have arisen from the excess of leniency, and from an over-sensitiveness at Washington as to the feelings of the Mexican officials.

The direct charges made in the Mexican note against Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston will not be well received on this side of the border. In an issue of personal veracity between Juan Amador and Gen. Oregon on the one side, and the American generals on the other, it is not going to be hard for the American people to make up their minds. There were happenings in connection with the El Paso conferences that Mexico might justly have complained of, notably in connection with unofficial civilians and unofficial interpreters being allowed to accompany the American generals in the conference room. But Carranza has made a serious error, that has very greatly impaired his personal and official standing, in attacking as he has, the personal integrity of the American commissioners, and this with-out adducing a single word of proof or indicating that any exist.

The premises and arguments of the latest Mexican note, for the most part, are so flimsy, so crudely constructed, and so loosely stated that they merit no detailed examination or discussion.

Whatever answer is made by the Washington government should be brief, pointed, specific, restrained and dignified, yielding nothing to Mexico's absurd pretensions, and recalling the Carranza officials to their senses by a simple statement of facts and immediate intentions. Above all, the Washington government should not by any unwise declarations commit this nation for the future beyond the issue of the special operations now under way.

## Variety In Bread Stuffs

Germany's experiments with potato bread and mixed wheat and bean and pea bread may yet end in some epicurean invention. Most folks mean wheat bread only, when they say bread, and that has to be as white as milk and as soft as down. In our own United States the northerners mean loaf bread when they say bread, and the southerners think hot bread is the only bread worthy the name. Over here we have to our credit the toothsome cornbread; in Boston they bake a brown molasses, heavy tubular loaf they call Boston bread, that is good. Over in France an acorn flour is baked into good loaves if you are hungry. Mosses and peat into good loaves if you are despised as bread stuffs, and pumpernickel, the soggy black bread of northern Europe, will stay with a man through long cold heavy working hours.

Almost any other bread is better than the too white, pasty, soft, crustless bread that we call bread in this country. For many years foreigners and students of food values in this country and travelers have united in saying that bread in the United States is the worst in the world. It is a degenerate among breads.

Gen. Carranza's last communication shows how essential it is to have any important agreement whether in international or business affairs, in writing. Either Gen. Oregon obtained a very distorted idea of what Gen. Scott and Funston meant to convey in their parleys with him, or else someone invented some whoppers before that note was drafted.

There is a funny side, when you stop to think of it, to this Mexican campaign, viz: an army of 13,000 and another, said to be 30,000, out with field artillery to fight a few hundred well scattered bandits.

## The Moral Idiot

Dr. Waite, expressing regret for his crimes and hope that his punishment would be a partial recompense, seems to show some of that moral sense, because of a lack of which the alienist at his trial called him a "moral idiot." In other words, the thought of the electric chair seems to have awakened in the murdering dentist a long dormant conscience.

Now he is able to think with sorrow of others' sufferings. Heretofore, in lying, stealing, and murdering, any possible thought of the wretchedness he has caused others has been wholly obscured by his thoughts of self and his selfish desires. Until brought into the shadow of the chair, he has shown the absence of moral sense which pathologists of the mind call moral idiocy. It is not a form of insanity, however, to impair consciousness of responsibility.

Waite, until a few months ago passed as an ordinary man. He is a man of high education, of mental capacity, of pleasing address, a professional man and a sportsman. Supreme selfishness and an utter lack of feeling for others marked the dividing line between the man of atrocious crimes, and the normal man.

Superstitious Mexicans who see the face of Francisco Madero on the west slope of the Santa Clara mountains near Namiquipa, should be reminded that Mr. Madero has passed to another field of activity and probably is not greatly interested in even such a gigantic portrait. The face was Carranza's, now, or Oregon's, a practical man might see more political significance in it. They are the two gentlemen who hope to continue watching over the destinies of Mexico.

Either "Don Pancho" is dead or he has cultivated a retiring disposition heretofore altogether foreign to his nature.

## Short Snatches From Everywhere

Party flies are worn loose this spring, with new and fetching curves.—New York Sun.

It appears that a number of our battleships are not in a state of readiness.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Thoughts are the quickest and the longest and the saddest things in life.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

There are something like 15,000,000 people in Mexico, estimated, counted and no-accounts.—Toledo Blade.

Lillian Russell says beauty is a misfortune, but she never has tried to capitalize ugliness.—Albuquerque Journal.

Where culture and real civilization prevail no one on a party line "takes down the receiver" to listen.—Atchison Globe.

Henry D. Estabrook has dropped out of the presidential race. Well, he didn't have far to drop.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Has this announcement of a super-submarine service for passengers, mail and freight between Germany and the United States put one over on the sea-serpent reporters?—Boston Herald.

The pinch of war has caused Italy to put an embargo on the export of macaroni. But not until it stops sending out tenors shall we believe the situation is becoming serious.—Indianapolis Star.

In 1887 a Mexican soldier pursued a Mexican girl across the border into the United States and dragged her back across the line. President Cleveland sent our army to the border, with instructions to go to the City of Mexico, if necessary, and seize the man who had violated American territory. Mexico gave up the offending soldier. He was sent to the penitentiary for 20 years.—Leslie's.

The secretary of war refused to issue guns and ammunition to a rifle club in Arizona on the ground that the Arizona militia might use them on the Mexicans. About the same time 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition were permitted to leave Douglas, Ariz., consigned to the Carranza government. Evidently Secretary Baker believes in preparing for the other fellow.—Kansas (Kansas) Independent.

## June Is Devoted To Baseball And Brides Hopeful Brush Teams And Brides Numerous

by HOWARD L. RANN.

JUNE is a mild summer month which is devoted almost exclusively to baseball and brides. During the month of June thousands of hopeful brush teams spring into existence in small but enthusiastic villages, backed by public sentiment and a \$250 guarantee fund, and after fighting for air for two months pass peacefully away, leaving a sad trail of back salaries and unpaid bills. More money is spent for baseball in June than during the months of January, February and March combined, and every once in a while some of it comes back through the state.

June has only 30 days this year, but they are all long and usually full of heat germs. In a very successful month with regard to heat, being exceeded only by July and August, which do not produce anything else worth mentioning. Scientists have never been able to discover why June puts out so much heat in a ray and unobscured state, instead of which, like February, we are told that heat and cold are regulated by nature, but at

times it looks as if the regulating were being done by the government, as in the case of the Standard Oil company.



Afraid to leave the house for fear that some bride and groom will want to exchange a \$2 bill for a marriage certificate.

Almost every June a lot of unrestrained and unfettered heat is distributed over this country which could be used to good advantage right after the holidays. If congress would step in and prevent this discrimination, instead of trying to crush the downtrodden hard coal baron, it would be more popular than it is.

June's most flourishing industry is the production of June brides. There is not a day in the month which does not witness some resolute, self-possessed bride-elect walking up to a floral arch and repeating the double ring service in ringing tones. An equal number of depressed bridegrooms also walk the plank during the month, and for years after can never hear the 11th of June mentioned without a reminiscent pang. During June the average clergyman is afraid to leave the house to make a pastoral call or get trusted for a sack of flour for fear that some bride and groom will come along to exchange a \$2 bill for a marriage certificate in three colors. If June came only once in five years the clergy would have to take in washing.

In June, however, the roads are good and gasoline begins to drop, which makes everybody wish it would last 90 days instead of thirty. (Protected by Adams Newspaper Service)

## ABE MARTIN



"I reckon barbed wire has done away with picket duty in the European armies," said old Er Pash today. Fenton Crosby is gittin' right 't' th' front these days, as you kin jest barely make out his signature 't' a typewritten letter. (Protected by Adams Newspaper Service)

## Boy Scouts Act As Guides For Veterans Company K Should Have Fine Big Armory

RECENTLY I attended the reunion of Confederate veterans held in Birmingham, Ala., and which was one of the best conducted affairs that I have ever witnessed," said L. G. Howe. "One feature of the reunion that I was impressed with was the conduct of the boy scouts of the city, who did police work. All of the members of the police department retired from the streets of the city which were given over to the boy scouts and these boys certainly did their work well. When any one of the veterans would come to crossing all traffic was stopped in order to let him pass safely, while their handling of traffic was perfect, not a single accident being reported during the entire day."

"El Paso is certainly a live city and I do not wonder at its present prosperity when I see the excellent cooperative spirit of the citizens," said J. Kirkpatrick, of Richmond, Calif. "Judging from the reports that we hear of this city where I am located it is continuing to grow."

ON AUTOMOBILE TRIP. H. S. Potter, Wm. H. F. Judd, Ted Davis and Harvey Wilcox left Thursday night at 10 o'clock for the White Mountain Inn, in New Mexico for a week-end outing. They expected to make Alamogordo for breakfast this morning and to spend tonight at White Mountain Inn. Saturday they will motor over to Cloudcroft and return home Sunday night.

Patterson, N. J., is the leading silk city in the United States.

ally being shot up by Mexican rioters and the Americans are inferior in numbers to the Mexicans. I am certainly surprised at its prosperity, and I think that it will be one of the greatest cities of the south in a few more years."

"By all means provision should be made for an adequate armory for company K. El Paso's national guard organization," said Stanley Cloud, Jr. "If the new county auditorium cannot be used for armory purposes, the basement underneath it should be finished and fitted for drilling and storing equipment. The company has never had a real assembly place, while other bodies of the guard in nearby cities have big, well equipped armories. It is wonderful to me how Capt. Walcott Jenkins rearranged company K and made it one of the best in the army from a most disgraced group of men, without a decent meeting place and lacking the home environment every militia body is entitled to."

"Local representatives of manufacturers and eastern jobs and makers of furniture are being asked to submit bids on the equipment for the new courthouse," said Roy D. Barnum, auditor.

"The labor of preparing the estimates, plans of five months, but I believe the total extra cost to the county for this service will not exceed \$100. It has been estimated that if outside assistance had been secured in preparing the papers the cost might have been several thousand dollars, reckoning at the usual percentage charged by architects and builders."

"In two weeks the finishing touches will be made to Elephant Butte dam," said M. R. Moore, of Elephant Butte, N. M. "The drainage holes are now being made in the dam. Everyone in the neighborhood of the big project is enthusiastic. The 16 buildings that the construction crew of the dam has vacated are finally situated for the establishment of a summer resort."

"American tourists need fear no trouble from the Mexican population in Juarez if they visit the city during the daytime," said Thomas D. Edwards, American consul at Juarez. "The American tourists have no good reason for visiting Juarez at night. There is absolutely no trouble over here for a visiting citizen."

## Beatrice Fairfax Writes on

## Choosing Your Life Path

The Value of Having Respect For Your Work.

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

THERE are two just reasons for the choice of any way in life: the first is inbred taste in choosing, the second some high utility in the industry selected," says Robert Louis Stevenson.

It would do well for all of us to remember this when we choose what we would do as our share of the world's work.

For those who have the power of choice there exist two considerations to help them determine what their work shall be. To do what they have in them to do with recognition of their powers and tastes or to choose work that is so big a part of the world's progress that it is honor in being one of those who help it into completion.

"Inbred taste in the chooser" is not a phrase meaning nothing, and it indicates a recognition of one's own abilities and their value. In illustration let me tell you the little story of a boy I know who possessed marked artistic and musical ability. He loved to play the violin and he was only less fond of drawing. With high enthusiasm he started out on an artistic career and then he discovered that he had no talent for the application to devote himself to study and practice nor talent so marked as to insure his success.

He liked the idea of being an artist but he did not like the work that he had to do. He had no "inbred taste" to make an artist. He recognized this fact with a show of common sense, which indicated clearly

that he had shrewdness and business acumen; and he is at present the very successful sales manager of a large corporation. He has no reason to be proud but it was never his calling and he knew it in time.

"Inbred taste in the chooser" means an absolute desire to do a certain type of work; the longing to achieve success in a certain undertaking at practically any cost to one's self and even at a sacrifice of comfort and of what the world calls success.

Your greatest singer, your artist, he is a painter, writer or heavier of marble—never chose his calling because that was the way to worldly success. But because something in him craved expression through the medium he chose.

If you want to be a successful salesman, or a good executive, or a valuable clerk, you must have an actual liking for the work you are going to do and a feeling that that work gives you a chance to express yourself—not that it hampers you and is just a way to make a living.

Respect For Your Work. The second legitimate reason for the choice of any way in life is "some high utility in the industry selected." That means respect for your work, a desire to see it through, so honest recognition of the value of that job and a feeling of dignity in being a part of the machinery that put it in motion.

I was a ditch digger down at Panama and I had a vision of what the Culebra cut meant to humanity, my spading up of the earth would not be even in itself an ignoble task. But my vision of the grandeur of the completed work carried me up to be a more important part of the work I respected.

The way to succeed is to feel that your work gives you a chance at individual self-expression, and that work itself is good in the doing.

Lieut. Arnold Whitehead, who has received the British military cross, is a son of F. W. Whitehead, a well known New Yorker. He graduated from Yale in 1914 and was one of the several American college men who joined the British artillery at the beginning of the war. He was decorated for driving the fire of a battery close to the German trenches.

## LETTERS TO THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

### EL PASO TAXPAYERS ARE HIT.

In the N. N. Norman case, just completed in the district court of El Paso county, Texas, a peculiar situation arose and one which should appeal to the taxpayers of this county more strongly than to any other. It developed, during the trial of the case, that this situation was not hurt by the Southern Pacific while engaged in interstate commerce, but was injured while employed in intrastate commerce, the commerce beginning and ending within the state. It has been stated by attorneys representing the plaintiffs in various cases that the courts of California are under the domination of the Southern Pacific company. In this case, that contention has been conclusively answered by a statute which, some years ago, before the happening of the accident from which plaintiff, Norman, claims his injuries, created an industrial accident commission. No question of this matter being mistreated by the industrial accident board could possibly arise because the action of that commission has nothing to do with the liability of the railroad in any way. It being specifically provided that unless the injured party is under the influence of intoxication, injuries at the time he received the injury, the railroad company shall be liable without regard to whether the injured party was negligent or not. In other words, the assumption of risk and contributory negligence are entirely done away with and the corporation is required to pay these men for their injuries without regard to any of these defenses that were formerly interposed. "Yes, the Norman case, with that statute in force, was begun in the 65th district court on Monday, May 23, and continued to absorb the railroad and the jury until Thursday, June 1, when the court held that the industrial accident commission exclusive jurisdiction over personal injuries like this within the state of California. But El Paso has to pay the cost of this little trial.

Would that some legislation might be passed in that state which would give the courts of California exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising from causes of action occurring in the state of California, and then El Paso county citizens might be able to litigate in the courts which they themselves support.

Justice.

### THE COURTS.

24TH DISTRICT COURT. Judge Dan N. Jackson, Presiding. May Berra vs. W. E. Berra, divorce; granted and plaintiff given custody of minor child. Catherine M. Grubb vs. George T. Grubb, divorce; granted. State vs. Cactus Club, injunction; on trial. Sam Reavis vs. Jessie Reavis, divorce; filed.

41ST DISTRICT COURT. Judge P. R. Price, Presiding. H. R. Stevens et al. vs. Angela Hale, trespass to try title; on trial.

65TH DISTRICT COURT. Judge Ballard Caldwell, Presiding. Harry H. Huffman et al. vs. Valentin Orozco et al., injunction to restrain defendant from interfering with improvement to property; filed. N. N. Norman vs. Southern Pacific Railroad company, damages, personal injury; plaintiffs counsel withdrew announcement of ready case continued until next term.

Sherrin-Lashby company vs. Victor Benedetti et al., suit for debt and foreclosure of materialman's lien. J. F. Boyle vs. Frank Taylor et al., suit for possession of personal property; instructed verdict for plaintiff.

JUSTICE COURTS.

Justice J. M. Denver, Presiding. State vs. Juan Molinar, conversion of funds by bailor; bound over to grand jury. State vs. Pedro Vucerra, burglary; filed. State vs. Pascual Hernandez, burglary; filed. State vs. Juan Molinar, assault with

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When Hope and Experience Meet



## The Old Stunt

THE time has come to swat the flies, so, brethren, let us all arise, and wield our swatters; let's swat with all our wanted flies, and to the work bring aunts and aunts, and sons and daughters. There is no better exercise, the doctor says, than swatting flies; the doc continues: "It helps the nerves that know a slump, it makes the torpid liver lumpy, it strengthens sinews." How sinful are the trifling dubs, who waste their time with Injun clubs, and padded mittens! If they would take their swatting-sticks, and show the flies some fancy tricks, they'd feel like kittens. On high trapeze man breaks his back, or trots around a cinder track in clogs and sweaters; he walks 10 miles for exercise, and if he'd only swat some flies, 'twould serve him better. He soon would have an appetite to make him view with keen delight beefsteak and 'taters; his rusty whiskers soon would shine, and he could punish eight or nine large alligators.

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